

In the Claims:

Claims 1-12 (Cancelled)

Claim 13 (Renumbered as claim 1) A method for installing an engine in a marine vessel, said method comprising the steps of:

- mating said jig to a propeller shaft of the marine vessel;
- coupling said jig upon a plurality of stringers in the marine vessel;
- adjusting the position of said jig relative to the marine vessel using a leveling device according to predetermined engine installation criteria;
- drilling a plurality of engine mount drill holes through drill bushings in said jig;
- removing said jig from the marine vessel; and
- positioning the engine into the marine vessel so that said plurality of engine mount drill holes align with a plurality of engine mounts of the engine.

Claim 13 (Amended and Renumbered as claim 2) The method of claim [12] 1 wherein said coupling step includes attaching a plurality of stringer brackets to stringers of the marine vessel.

Claim 14 (Amended and Renumbered as claim 3) The method of claim [13] 1 wherein said coupling step further includes securing said jig to said stringer brackets.

Claim 15 (Renumbered as claim 4) A method for installing an engine in a marine vessel, said method comprising the steps of:

mating said jig to a propeller shaft of the marine vessel;
 coupling said jig upon a plurality of stringers in the marine vessel;
 adjusting the position of said jig relative to the marine vessel using a leveling
device according to predetermined engine installation criteria;
 marking a plurality of engine mount drill holes through drill bushings in said
jig;
 removing said jig from the marine vessel;
 drilling a plurality of engine mount drill holes according to markings resulting
from said marking step; and
 positioning the engine into the marine vessel so that said plurality of engine
mount drill holes align with a plurality of engine mounts of the engine.

 Claim 16 (Amended and Renumbered as claim 5) The method of claim [15] 4
 wherein said coupling step includes attaching a plurality of stringer brackets to stringers of
the marine vessel.

 Claim 17 (Amended and Renumbered as claim 6) The method of claim [16] 5
 wherein said coupling step further includes securing said jig to said stringer brackets.